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SUBJECT: SALE OF ISRAELI JETS TO ECUADOR

REF: AMEMBASSY QUITO 0521

1. SEVERAL FACTS SEEM TO EMERGE FROM THE MESSAGES WE
HAVE SEEN CONCERNING THE REPORTED PLANS OF THE ECUADORAN
AIR FORCE (FAE) TO PROCURE JETS.

A. THREE AIRCRAFT ARE IN CONTINTION, THE ISRAELI
KFIR, THE NORTHROP F5E AND THE FRENCH F-1 AS A DARK HORSE.

B. THE FAE SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED ON THE KFIR.

C. PERMISSION TO EXPORT U.S. COMPONENTS IN KFIR
MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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2. THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT FACTORS WHICH WE FEEL
SHOULD BE SURFACED FOR CONSIDERATION IF THE ISRAELIS
HAVE REQUESTED OR SHOULD REQUEST PERMISSION TO MAKE
THE SALE.

A. FIRST, THE KFIR IS PROBABLY FORTY PERCENT U.S.
MADE, WHEN TOTAL COST IS CONSIDERED. THEREFORE, A
KFIR SALE HAS SOME U.S. ECONOMIC INTEREST.

B. SECOND, SINCE SEVERAL MAJOR CRITICAL PARTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S., IN PARTICULAR THE J79 ENGINE, THE U.S. WOULD STILL RETAIN SOME CONTROL OVER THE FAE. IF THE FAE SHOULD, AS A RESULT OF OUR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE RELEASE, DECIDE ON THE F-1, BOTH OF THESE ADVANTAGES WOULD OF COURSE BE LOST.

3. IF THE SALE IS TO BE MADE, WE WOULD OF COURSE PREFER THAT NORTHROP GET THE CONTRACT. IF NOT, WE FEEL THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED FACTORS SHOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

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